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Lend An Ear...

Corn!

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by Penny Stone



Al Christopher, "The Corn King," displays some of the choice selection of the popular summer vegetable that has earned him his reputation. Photo by Jack Devine.



Bob Cecchi, owner and operator of E. Cecchi Farms in Feeding Hills, sorts through some of his top-quality corn to supply the very best for his customers. Photo by Jack Devine.



[In an effort to help promote our many fine corn growers in town, *Advertiser/News* staff reporter Penny Stone took to the fields to discuss the corn season with several local farmers.]

The next time you're ready to throw in the towel at work, consider the plight of the small farmer. Not only does he work hard from dawn to dusk, but he faces constant problems which are outside his control. And yet, year after unpredictable year, our local farmers continue to provide us with a bounty of nutritious, delicious, and economical fresh fruits and vegetables, the most popular of which is native sweet corn.

One of Agawam's more colorful farmers, Al Christopher, maintains five farms in town. His nickname "The Corn King" began years ago as a joke between farmers and friends and soon he found himself working harder and harder to earn the title. His "candy on the cob" is reputed as the best in New England at the Springfield Farmers Market.

Christopher employs six part-time and six fulltime workers and plants anywhere from 10-12 acres of corn per day. These workers start picking at 6:00 a.m. and pick about 700-800 crates a day before going inside the warehouse to pack vegetables away from the hot afternoon hours. "You gotta take care of your help," says Christopher.

Christopher himself started farming by raising chickens at age 14. At 18, while a senior in high school, he planted his first corn on six acres of land. This "one horse farmer" planted and cultivated all his own crops with the help of his dad's horse.

Christopher was born and raised in Feeding Hills and moved to his Meadow Street location at 22 years of age. "Been down here ever since," he adds proudly. He now has over 100 acres of corn alone and 50 to 60 more acres of mixed vegetables in addition to ten tractors to keep track of.

This year's unusually cold June resulted in a low yield on his early yellow corn, only about 60% of the crop. "It was the coldest June I can remember in 50 years," reflected Christopher.

The Christopher Farms have started to pick their butter 'n sugar corn this week, holding off some to be sure they were of good quality. "This is the most popular corn," he explains. "Older people prefer it because of its soft cob, but it's definitely not as sweet."

Their farms will be producing corn up through mid-October when he says you get the *best* corn "because the nights are cooler which is better for the corn."

In another part of town, Bob Cecchi and his family have taken over the late Erminio Cecchi's farm. Bob, a 35-year-old hard-working man, shares the chores with nine employees and his attractive wife Emily and their three sons. Bob's mother Anna has been farming since 1945 and is still helping out.

The Cecchi farm, located at 1131 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, began offering food for sale over 35 years ago with a small table under the trees next to the family house. In 1957, they built the present large roadside stand as business continued to grow each year.

Cecchi notes also that although there are many varieties of corn, people do seem to favor the bi-colored, butter 'n sugar (sat 'n pepper) kind. "We use the Sweet Sue type which is generally considered the best. The white corn is good, too, but people seem to shy away from it because of its paleness. Our Silver Queen white corn will be out in the fall," Cecchi adds.

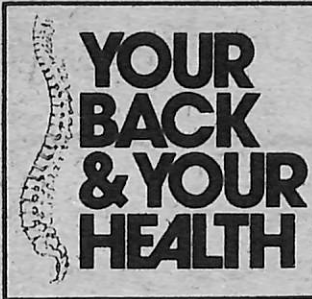
Although we can expect to see an excellent crop of corn again this year for a somewhat higher price, this price does not seem to reflect accurately the numerous problems that continue to plague the local farmer.

NEED GOOD HELP

Getting good help seems to be one of the greatest and most urgent problems. "Nobody wants to do the physical work anymore," explains Al Christopher. "When I was in about first grade, I used to pick a crate of strawberries before walking to school in the morning. My sister and I used to have contests. Now kids aren't even walking to school anymore!"

Fortunately for Cecchi, his sons Michael, 13; Bobby,

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What (really) is chiropractic?

This is a new column that will appear in this space every week. Because there are so many misconceptions about chiropractic and chiropractors, this column will attempt to straighten things out.

First of all, chiropractic is neither a cure-all nor a worthless practice. It has definite merits and definite limitations. Obviously you wouldn't go to a chiropractor for a broken leg. Then the question is, when should you visit a chiropractor? This series of columns will try to give you some usable guidelines. The first step is to understand the basic principles of chiropractic.

Your spine is made up of 24 moveable segments, called vertebrae. Running down through these vertebrae is the spinal cord, which is really a whole lot

of nerves, sort of like communications lines from your brain. The nerves extend out from between the vertebrae to send messages from the brain to the organs of the body.

Sometimes a fall or a twist or a jar moves a vertebra out of its normal position. This can prevent the message from the brain from getting through to the body organ the way it's supposed to.

The job of the chiropractor is to restore the vertebra to its normal position so the body can once again function as it should. While this is clearly an oversimplified presentation of chiropractic, it's essentially correct.

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School Board Cold To Bonavita

Councilwoman Elaine Bonavita took her stormy and often chaotic 7-month tenure as a councilor to the School Committee floor to demand that the committee allow her equal time in September to address the student body at the high school on the Proposition 2½ tax cut legislation.

Ms. Bonavita also handed to Superintendent of Schools Louis J. Hebert the name of one high school teacher who, she claims, has used classroom time to lobby against the passage of the tax cutting proposal.

The legislation, which Ms. Bonavita supports as a member of the Citizens For Limited Taxation, will be on the 1980 state election ballot. It would cut property taxes to 2½ percent of fair market value, abolish fiscal autonomy for school committees and reduce automobile excise taxes by 60 percent.

The bill, which would become law if a majority of state voters support it in November, would also allow renters to deduct 50 percent of their annual rent from their state income tax and force compulsory binding arbitration for police and fire departments.

Educators Opposed

Many educators throughout the state, including Agawam teachers, School Committee members, and school department officials are opposed to the measure, claiming it would drastically hinder education and force massive cutbacks in programs.

School Committee members and two members of the Agawam Education Association today refuted Ms. Bonavita's charges. Lawrence O'Brien and Rudy Altobelli, two AEA representatives, blasted Bonavita, saying that the councilor is interfering with the town's educational process and will not allow the councilwoman "to make the schools a political battleground."

Ms. Bonavita addressed the School Committee at Tuesday's meeting after publicly condemning teachers in the system for "using public time and money for political ends."

Ms. Bonavita, on the request of Chairwoman Jessie Fuller, submitted the name of one teacher who Bonavita said was attempting to convince students that "Elaine Bonavita will be closing the schools and costing us our jobs," if the controversial legislative proposal is passed.

Hebert told *The Advertiser/News* after the Tuesday session that he will investigate the councilwoman's charge.

Committee member Thomas Ennis openly snubbed Ms. Bonavita after hearing the prepared statement.

According to Ennis, he supports teachers discussing political issues with students. Said Ennis, "The kids at the high school are all young adults and I would encourage teachers to discuss political issues, especially ones that may initiate change that affect their lives."

Gross Exaggeration

Although acknowledging that the teachers' union remains strongly opposed to Proposition 2½, Altobelli, a teacher at the high school who is running for state representative here, scored Bonavita for "gross exaggeration" and for spreading propaganda of her own.

"As a political candidate and a teacher myself, I am opposed to Proposition 2½ because it would result in severe cutbacks in police, fire, and educational services in Agawam, while only benefitting the large business and industrial communities in the eastern part of the state," Altobelli remarked.

Ennis further told the councilwoman, "If you are in favor of kids, as you always say you are, supporting this tax proposal is not in the best interest of the children."

Unofficially, several board members remarked that they would be opposed to allowing Ms. Bonavita into the schools to lecture students on the tax cut bill.

School Personnel Granted Raises

by Joanne Brown

Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert and School Department Business Manager James Coon were granted 6.5% salary boosts at last Tuesday's meeting of the Agawam School Committee. These pay increases, along with several other raises for clerical staff, were decided after regular annual evaluations of all personnel not included in negotiations conducted with union representatives.

In the absence of committee member Venetta Snyder, a 4-2 vote taken in executive session approved the raises for Hebert and Coon. Committee members Walter Balboni and Rosemary Sandlin constituted the two dissenting votes.

Hebert's raise, coming on top of his recent \$3,000 merit hike, now brings his yearly salary to \$40,842. Coon's annual pay will increase from its present \$25,484 to \$27,140.

Declaring monetary compensation to be the most concrete method of rewarding personnel for performances evaluated highly, several committee members indicated their conviction that Hebert has done an excellent job since assuming the superintendent's position last December.

Both Balboni and Mrs. Sandlin did not disagree with the evaluation of Hebert's performance in general, but did emphasize that they could not go along with granting him a percentage increase in addition to the \$3,000 approved last month.

"Sure, I agree the man's done some good work in the time he's been here," stated Balboni, "but that's just the point. We gave him the increase in June right after telling the Town Council how tight things were in our budget and here we are giving him almost \$2,500 more a few weeks later. It's definitely going to hurt our credibility with the Town Council next year when they have to approve our budget."

Mrs. Sandlin concurred with these sentiments stating, "I do not dispute Mr. Hebert's good performance since taking over, but we have to hold the line on salaries somewhere, and I personally can't justify this additional increase at this time."

Other Personnel Pay Increases

Retroactive to July 1, 1980, secretarial staff in all town schools will also receive a raise in pay amounting to 7% of their designated step-level salaries. Committee approval for a change in the longevity schedule of school-year personnel and the addition of an extra week's vacation after 20 years employment with the School Department for those who work on a year-round basis was also extended. Clerical personnel employed on a year-round basis presently get 2 weeks vacation after the first complete year of employment, 3 weeks after 5 years, and 4 weeks after 10 years. The latest addition will grant 5 weeks vacation after 20 years.

School Lunch Director Frank Godek's salary was also increased 7% from its present \$14,020 to \$15,001 and his travel allowance was boosted from \$800 to \$1100.

Substitutes Pay Scale Approved

After more discussion on issues previously debated during budget sessions, the committee formally adopted a pay scale for substitute teachers amounting to \$30 per day for the first 15 days worked in the system and \$32 per day for those days after 15.

Committee member Walter Balboni again took issue with what he termed as too little an amount to pay certified teachers "whose services are valuable and necessary to the smooth functioning of Agawam schools." He made a motion to set the pay scale at \$35, and then \$37.

Balboni's motion found strong support from members Thomas Ennis and Rosemary Sandlin, but was defeated on a 3-3 tie vote. In a comment made following the vote, Ennis noted that the School Department pays adult education teachers at the rate of \$7.50 per hour, but cannot see its way to paying teachers with degrees who are fully certified to teach more than \$30 per day.

WORC Proposal From Longmeadow Rejected

In a final note of business last Tuesday, the School Committee voted unanimously to reject the latest proposal from Longmeadow to be allowed to enter the Westover Occupational Resource Collaborative at reduced rates. Longmeadow had requested a 25%

reduction in entrance fees, with no payment to be forthcoming for any operational expenses prior to July, 1980, and no payment for any portion of architect's fees. Mrs. Roberta Doering, the Agawam board's representative to the WORC board, was instructed to report Agawam's position at the next meeting of that group.

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Minimum Standards Set For Schools

by Joanne Brown

In conformity with state regulations, the Agawam School System has established minimum standards for competency in basic skills to go into effect in September, 1980.

A committee, headed by Assistant Superintendent of Schools James Bruno and comprised of selected teachers, principals, parents, and a representative of the business community, has aided in determining what requirements would be adopted to meet minimum competency within the Agawam system. Members of the committee emphasized that these are the minimum acceptable standards, not the goal to be strived for by the majority of students in the school system.

The committee has decided to base elementary competency on the Stanford Achievement Test, which has been administered to all second and fourth graders over the past two years and the results compiled. The standards to be used are as follows:

Grade 2, Reading: 65% of questions answered correctly; Grade 2, Math: 55% of questions answered correctly; Grade 2, writing sample, holistic grade of 3 or better.

Grade 4, Reading: 60% of questions answered correctly; Grade 4, Math: 55% of questions answered correctly; Grade 4, writing sample, holistic grade of 3 or better.

Holistic scoring of writing samples submitted by these students was employed. Two-teacher teams read the samples and graded them on their overall impression of their quality on a scale of 1 to 4. A score of 3 or better was determined as evidence of competency in writing.

Correlation Of Test Objectives Determined

Correlation between the standardized test and the objectives of the Agawam School System was accomplished by asking teachers who administered the tests to rate the questions. They were to judge if each question touched on a major objective of Agawam schools, whether it asked for something not at all an objective of Agawam schools, or whether the item may have tested an objective. The teachers were then to estimate what percentage of their students could answer each question correctly. Those questions determined to be not pertinent to objectives of Agawam schools were not included in measurement of students' performances.

For those students at the elementary level who do not attain minimum competency, remedial assistance will be provided in addition to regular classroom work. For upper level students who do not achieve minimum competency, remedial help will be instituted instead of classroom work. Administrators hope all students will be brought up to minimum standards through these extra efforts. When physical space allows, those students considered borderline will also be granted remedial help in order to avoid possible decline in the future.

Grade 8 Standards Based On State Test

A standardized test developed by the State of Massachusetts was the basis for determining competency of students in Grade 8. A score of 70% correct in reading, 68% correct in math, and a holistic score of 3 or better in writing were accepted as minimum.

A committee of administrators, teachers, and citizens will monitor, evaluate, and, if necessary, modify this Basic Skills Improvement Plan. It will be the responsibility of this committee to review existing programs and curricula and to make necessary changes in order to serve those students who do not meet minimum standards.

The standards adopted for the eighth grade level will be submitted for the state's approval as required. The state asks only for evidence that minimum standards for elementary levels have been determined.

Council Reviews 43 Resumes; Only Four Survive

Town Council has resumed its seven-month search for a permanent town manager and, as before, applicants are being tossed out of consideration with lightning-like speed.

Twelve of the fifteen councilors showed up Monday night to nix 39 out of the first batch of 43 resumes. Twenty-three applicants failed to receive a single vote, a fact which several councilors admitted was indicative of the poor quality of many applicants.

Last week the council failed to reach quorum at a special meeting scheduled to review applicants causing several councilors to express concern that the process of finding a Caputo-replacement may again be unnecessarily prolonged.

Have College Degrees

According to several councilors, the four applicants who survived the meeting possess a bachelor of arts degree and all have served as city managers or assistant city managers.

At least one councilor, Richard Theroux, says the caliber of the four resumes merits serious consideration from the council.

Theroux, who recently attempted to replace the present five-member search committee, chaired by councilor Robert DeForge, remains steadfast in his belief that the council must appoint a permanent manager as soon as possible.

Theroux' attempt to force Council President Paul Fieldstad to appoint a new search committee was foiled when he failed to receive support from the majority of his colleagues. Theroux was unhappy that the present search committee seemingly prolonged the first round of manager hunting which concluded in June after a six month search.

Rocky's Kitchen House To Sponsor Seminar

The Kitchen House at Rocky's Hardware store in Agawam will hold a free instructional seminar on the ins and outs and do's and don't's of cabinet construction and installation on Wednesday, July 30th at 7 p.m.

Stephen Cincotta, owner and operator of Rocky's Kitchen House, says the instructional seminar will greatly benefit those who wish to save their valuable dollar.

"I am certain that once people attend the seminar we can teach them some helpful ways to save money and to avoid aggravation when installing kitchen cabinets. The information alone will be more than useful," Cincotta said.

Cincotta, an lifelong Agawam resident, cordially invites local townspeople to participate in the free seminar. For more information, call 781-1650 or stop by Agawam Rocky's, located at 10 Springfield Street, right next to Mall Drug.

"As I look through the four resumes I find that we now have several qualified candidates who can do the job," Theroux remarked after the meeting.

The council has scheduled another special meeting for July 28 to review the second pool of applicants, which, according to DeForge, could exceed the 43 reviewed by the council Monday.

Fieldstad indicated that the council may begin interviewing candidates by mid-August after establishing a cutoff date for accepting resumes.

Says Fieldstad, "I hope we can get this moving in an efficient manner. I'm sure everyone on the council realizes the importance of the situation and it's important for us not to lag at this point."

Final Judgement

Asked for comment on the four resumes, Fieldstad replied that the quality of the resumes appears sound although he will await final judgement until after the upcoming interviews.

Several councilors remarked that acting Town Manager Edward Caba has not submitted a resume for the post. The council failed to hire Caba fulltime several weeks ago and instead reappointed Caba to a second three-month term.

Councilwoman Elaine Bonavita has placed a motion the August 4 agenda that would hire Caba if he received the necessary 8 votes. One councilor, who asked not to be named, remarked that Caba's support for the fulltime slot has eroded in the past several weeks.

"Ed (Caba) still has some support on the council but not enough to hire him. He had the votes a few weeks back but some councilors who were supposed to support him backed out and now getting them to go along with him again doesn't seem likely."

Caba has not said whether he intends on submitting a resume for the post. During the council's January-June search, Caba did not meet the March deadline for application submittal.



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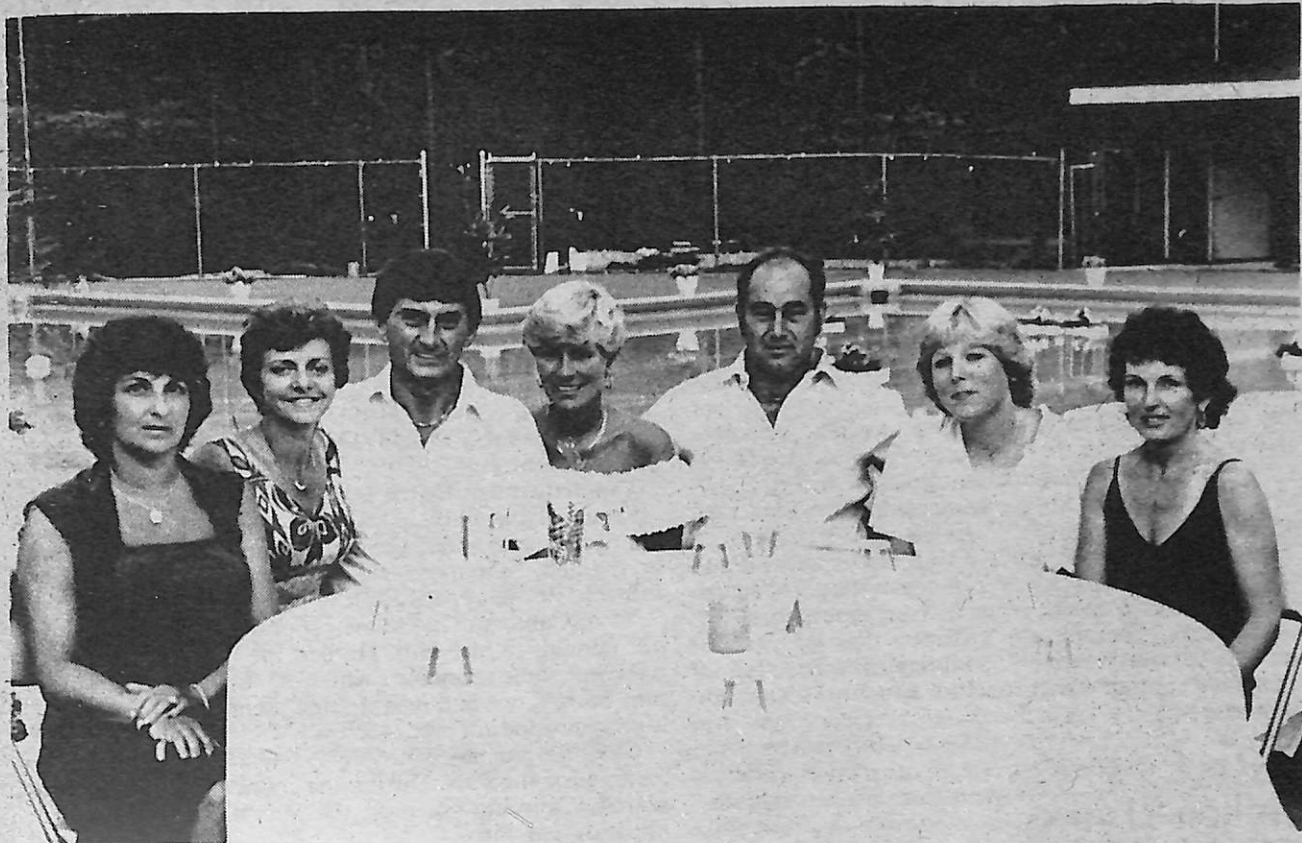
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The Agawam Family Center held its annual adult dinner dance last Saturday evening at poolside. Over 130 people enjoyed the gourmet dinner and dancing under the stars to the mellow tunes of *Thursday's Child*. Pictured above are the hard-working committee members who made this event such a success for Family Center members and guests. From left to right, Joanne DiSisto, Joan Malachowski, Dan Molta, Nancy Molta, Bill DiSisto, Linda Catchepaugh, and Irene Thomas. Photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam UNICO will hold its 18th annual Chicken Bar-be-que Sunday, August 10, at the Polish Club pavilion, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills. Continuous servings are planned between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. rain or shine.

The menu will consist of half chicken, native corn, garden tossed salad, french fries, bread, watermelon, coffee and refreshments. Take outs will be available - bring your own container.

President Thomas Cascio is honorary chairman and he has appointed Joseph Liberatore and Ben Deliso co-chairmen. Paul Ferrarini will handle publicity.

Tickets have been donated through the courtesy of Forastiere's Colonial Funeral Home and are reasonably priced at \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. They may be obtained by contacting members, by calling 786-5924 or 786-1859 or at the field on August 10th.

Proceeds will go for mental health, retarded children, scholarships and community charities. There will be a band to entertain the guest.

Adoration Society Inducts New Members

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will induct 43 new members on Friday, August 1 at 8 p.m. in St. Thomas Apostle Church on Pine Street, West Springfield. The new members are from the St. Louis, Immaculate Conception and St. Thomas Apostle Churches in West Springfield. New members from Agawam are from St. John the Evangelist, St. Anthony of Padua, Sacred Heart, and St. Theresa. St. John's in Ludlow and St. Thomas Aquinas of Springfield also have new members joining the Society.

The Reverend John T. Cain, Pastor of St. Thomas parish in West Springfield will officiate at the induction ceremony. The Society's president, Louis J. Gallerani of West Springfield will present the new members with the society's official Manual and Medallion.

After the induction ceremonies, there will be a one-hour Adoration with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A reception of new members will follow.

Police Dept. To Sponsor Bloodmobile

A bloodmobile will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church on July 28th from 1:30 to 7:00 p.m. This important event will be sponsored by the Agawam Police Department. To schedule an appointment on the quarter hour, please contact police headquarters 786-4767.

Rose Cartello Enrolled in Radiologic Program

Mrs. Rose Cartello, wife of Charles Cartello of 72 Carmen Avenue, Feeding Hills, is currently enrolled in the associate in science degree program in radiologic technology in the Providence Hospital Radiologic Technology Program and Holyoke Community College.

Mrs. Cartello is a graduate of Chicopee High School. Her husband is an emergency medical technologist. She has two daughters aged 10 and 8.

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Gypsy Moths Battled At Robinson Park

by Chuck Kelley

[Editor's Note: In an effort to promote the facilities and services offered at Agawam's own state park, staff reporter Chuck Kelley has composed a two-part feature highlighting the wood and management program at Robinson State Park. Part II]

Last week I discussed the effects of last fall's tornado at Robinson State Park. According to several officials at the park, the tornado had a positive impact on the woodlands since the state now must put the time and effort into better managing the 800 acres located in Agawam. The park is now being logged by professionals. This week I will look into the impact of gypsy moths on the woodlands.

Tornadoes can be devastating, but at least they are infrequent and run their course quickly. The little pests, however, that have been with us the last couple of years are a constant aggravation.

Gypsy moths have been a problem for anyone who has a tree. They have infested the woods at Robinson State Park, but Bill Rivers, management forester for the Connecticut River Valley region, believes that nature will run its course and eventually we'll be relieved of the devouring pests. He related how they came to inhabit our area.

A scientist who was interested in using the gypsy to produce silk imported the from abroad to the Boston area in the early 1900's. They escaped. They had no natural enemies and our climate was conducive to their proliferation.

Their population increases and decreases on the basis of a natural cycle. The mild weather of last winter did little damage to the eggs and this summer it seems they are everywhere. Rivers believes that their population will become so great that eventually nature will see to it that the large numbers will collapse. That perhaps offers little comfort now.

Their largest concentration is in the woods of southern New England. They prefer oak that stands on southern and western facing slopes. White oak is their favorite, perhaps because of the color, odor or texture of the bark. The bark of white oak is full of crevices which make good nesting places.

They eat the leaves and this can kill a tree because the life-sustaining process of photosynthesis depends on leaves. It takes about three years of seasonal chomping to destroy a tree. This season the trees got a good start before the caterpillar stage of the gypsy moth began exercising its appetite.

That eerie sound in the trees you may have heard was not chomping but droppings. The trees are quiet now. The gypsy is entering the pupa stage and spraying no longer has an effect. At the beginning of the season it would have been effective to spray with Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*).

Rivers gave a knowing smile when asked about the technique of wrapping foil around the trunk of the tree. According to him, it may help some, but the fact is that in its early stage, the gypsy moth can be airborne. Even though you may take meticulous care of your trees, your neighbor's may be infested. Larvae can be carried by the wind from tree to tree as far as twenty miles apart.

If Rivers is correct, the gypsy moth will overpopulate and collapse, with a little help from the weather and spray and then it will begin its cycle again.

Rivers hopes to establish an environmental education program at Robinson State Park. The park offers a variety of wildlife from the marine life on the Westfield River to the different kinds of tree stands located throughout the park. Metropolitan Springfield has thousands of young people who could incorporate this learning experience into their studies. If Massachusetts comes forth with the money, foresters will teach students the importance of some of our most valuable natural resources.

Postmaster Offers Vacation Mail Tips

Before leaving on vacation several simple steps can make sure your mail is handled smoothly while you're away, Postmaster Joseph P. Dahdah said.

"Ask your neighbor or relative to remove mail and newspapers from your mailbox daily, or have mail held at the post office," he said. "A written request to hold mail up to 30 days can be given to your letter carrier or submitted at the local post office. If an extended absence is anticipated, a temporary mail forwarding order can be requested."

Postmaster Dahdah stressed the importance of not letting mail accumulate in a mailbox, saying "it's a sign even novice burglars can detect."

Other tips include taking an ample supply of stamps and postal cards on your trip and remembering to take the addresses of those to whom you may write. Don't forget, post cards only require 10 cents postage, while standard letters one ounce or less need 15 cents.

Connelly-Sponsored Bill Signed By King

A six-year effort by Rep. Edward W. Connelly (R-Agawam) ended successfully last week when Governor King signed Connelly's bill which will provide more equitable distribution of state funding back to cities and towns.

In 1974, when the legislature revised its distribution formulae, it emphasized the use of then-current equalized valuations as the principal factor in the formula. The distribution of state monies was therefore based on "rich" and "poor" communities and most urban centers were in the "poor" classification.

At that time, the yield to cities from tax exempt chapter 121A properties was not a major factor in the calculation of a community's ability to support itself from its own tax base. Under chapter 121A tax exemption, local assessors did not have to include the value of the 121A building in their annual grand list, which the state used as a basis for equalized valuation.

However, the ever-increasing use of 121A arrangements Boston, Springfield, Worcester and other urban centers, totalling in the tens of millions, has made it necessary to include in the calculations of equalized values an equivalent value of 121A properties in order to make the formula distribution equitable. The Connelly bill does just that.

During previous years floor debate, Connelly has maintained that he was not opposed to an urban center utilizing the 121A arrangement to remove urban blight and to revitalize downtown areas, but did object to a formula which allowed the cities to benefit greatly at the expense of all the cities and towns.

Connelly successfully won his position this year on the floor of the House and then gained the support of the Commissioner of Revenue and both Senate and House chairmen of the Committee on Taxation.

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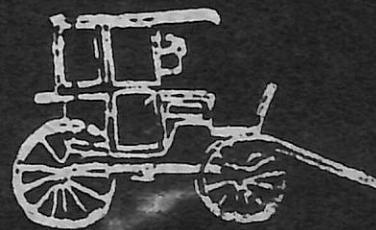


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Hot Weather Enjoyed At Camp Rainbow

Last week's hot weather only served to make the activities at Camp Rainbow more enjoyable for the students and staff who participate in this camp for handicapped children run by the Town of Agawam.

Perfect conditions on Friday, July 18th, made the trip to Sturbridge Village a wonderful day for learning about America's past and all 50 people who went enjoyed the ambience of quieter times and simpler pleasures.

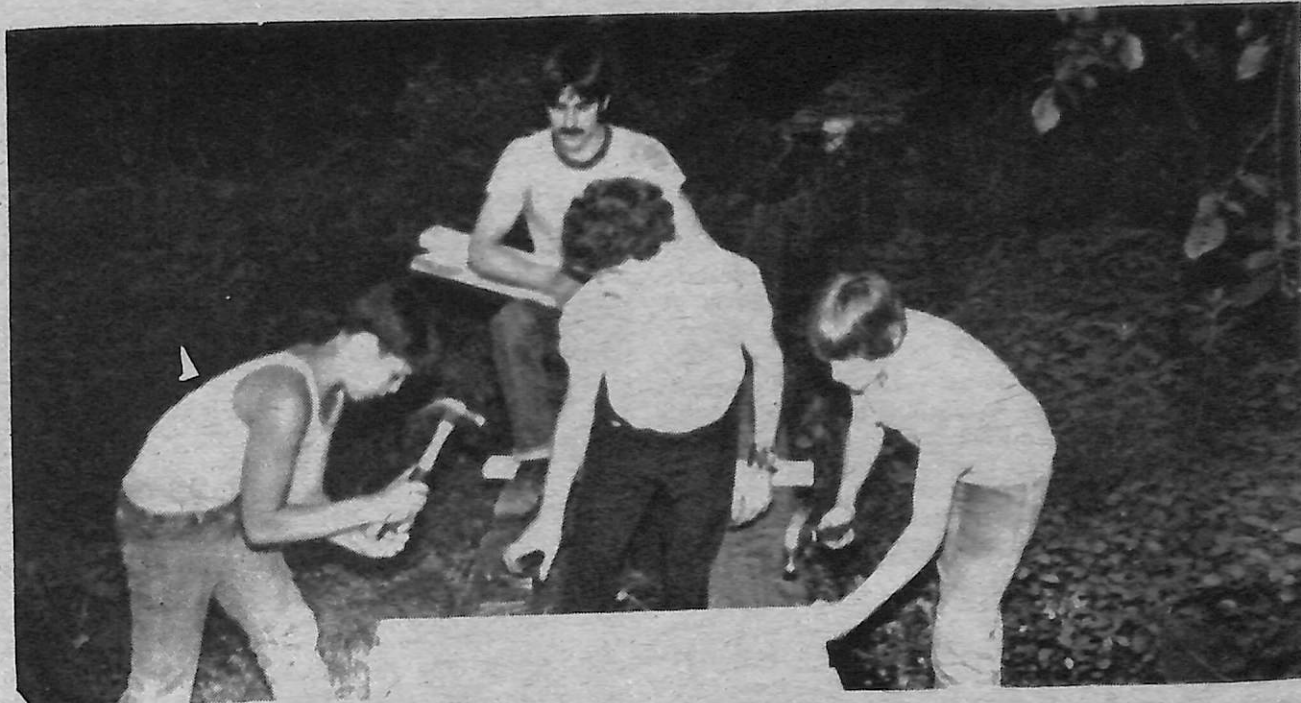
Several Camp Rainbow students participated in the Park and Recreation Department's trip to Fenway Park on Saturday to see the Red Sox play the Minnesota Twins.

Other highlights of the week were the regularly scheduled bowling at Riverdale Lanes and the all-camp swimming sessions at Robinson State Park pool. Almost everyone was able to cool off, at least for a little while.

In addition to free swim time, all the students receive daily lessons in swimming from our teachers David Hobson (a teacher at Agawam High School) and Tracy Sanzo (a student at Bridgewater State College). These lessons focus on the individual needs of the campers and challenge the students to develop their swimming and water recreational skills to the fullest. Both Mr. Hobson and Ms. Sanzo have much experience in summer swim programs and with special needs children.

On Tuesday and Thursday, we held cooking classes at the homes of two of our students. The objectives were to develop skills and to prepare some wonderful snack foods for the whole camp. The experiment was a tasty success which we hope to repeat again this summer.

The big event for this week will be a trip to Northfield Mountain for a riverboat ride on the Connecticut River. The *Quinnikutet II* is a replica of the famous *African Queen* and sails on a 12-mile informative cruise north and south of the hydro-electric plant. Also included in this trip will be a picnic lunch and afternoon hike at Barton's Cove, a camping area near Greenfield.



Shawn Keery and his crew of helpers are pictured hard at work on their project improving the town's latest recreation area located in Feeding Hills behind Provin Mountain Drive. Photo by Jack Devine.

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Hopeful Eagle Scout Works To Improve Local Rec Spot

by Chuck Kelley

In Feeding Hills, there is a park with no name, although some people are calling it Solitario Park because Frank Solitario's generosity made it possible for the Town of Agawam to purchase forty acres of woods and wetlands behind Provin Mountain Drive. With the exception of a few trails, the park is being preserved for its natural habitat. Even trails need maintenance, though, and last year's tornado wreaked such havoc in Solitario Park that a major cleanup project became an obvious necessity. As a result of the hard work by a boy scout and his helpers, the park has not only been cleaned up, but also improved due to their construction of bridges and walkways.

Shawn Keery is a red-headed and judiciously freckled thirteen-year-old youth who lives in Agawam and is a member of Boy Scout Troop 83 in West Springfield. On what felt to be the hottest day of the year, Shawn's khaki scout uniform was marked with perspiration after having finished a practice in archery at Camp Moses Reservation in Woronoco.

It only took a day to clean up the debris from the tornado but Shawn estimates that over 300 hours were needed for the construction of the bridges. Since the town was taking too much time to obtain the materials, Shawn and his uncle, Fred Hathaway, went to West Springfield to pick up the ties.

The ties were near railroad tracks and, according to Shawn, each weighed from 150 to 200 pounds. To get them to the truck, they at first tried to carry them and then they tried to pull them with rope and finally they succeeded by laying the ties perpendicular over the tracks and pushing them.

Once transported to the park, they tied ropes to the ties and slid them downstairs to the bottom of an embankment where they began construction of a 100-foot walkway over wetland.

The base was made of small swamp trees that had been damaged by the tornado. Next came a layer of four foot ties and over that, a layer of eight foot ties. The finishing touch for easy walking was a deck of two-by-fours. The walkway is located off Provin Mountain Drive and its construction was necessary if the town was to receive federal money for development of the park.

Helping Shawn construct the walkway and two other bridges were John and David Barber, Richard Fortin, Mark Sergeant, Shawn's uncle Fred Hathaway, his mother Sabra Lee Keery, and his father Miles Keery.

There was only one injury during the entire operation and now Mrs. Keery has fully recovered after two weeks rest and a tetanus shot which were prescribed after she stepped on a spike.

When asked why he did the work, Shawn replied, "I did it so I could do my Eagle Scout project, so I could make Eagle."

His uniform is already colorfully decorated and he eagerly looks forward to his Eagle insignia. His project at Solitario Park was reviewed and passed by a local Board of Review on July 8th and the project is now being scrutinized by the National Board in Texas. If all goes well, he'll be pinned in August.

"Only one of three hundred scouts gets it," said Shawn. "It's an honor to hold. I'm not bragging, but you can be pretty proud of yourself if you make it."

Shawn attended Agawam Junior High School and he will join the students at Cathedral High this fall. His favorite subjects are English and science.

When asked about sports, Shawn replied, "I'm gone almost every night in the week for something in scouting. Scouting's my thing."

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AT VALLEY FARMS 37 Southwick St. Feeding Hills

Corn, Continued from page 1

15; and David, 16 all work fulltime on the family farm. Summer help on both farms is often junior and senior high students from town. But more help is needed to increase efficiency and eliminate spoilage. Many farmers have indicated that the government could help by developing a program of encouraging people on relief to do some farm work before picking up their checks.

RECENT DROUGHT

Uncontrollable, severe weather conditions don't help much either. The recent period of drought has required the farmers to irrigate over and over again. Christopher's river fields were plenty moist, naturally, but other areas have needed as many as seven or more waterings. This is very important to produce corn with more succulent kernels. And to produce better quality corn, it costs more; more time and more labor. "But we can't go adding that charge to the price of the corn or we won't sell it. So we just absorb the expense," admits Cecchi.

PRODUCTION COSTS UP

With rising inflation, the cost of producing good food for the table has gone up alarmingly. Fertilizer, for example, is up 30% since last year, according to Cecchi. And the cost increases in gasoline and other fuels, machinery and parts, and chemicals is not necessarily reflected in the price paid at the stands. "Some chemicals," says Cecchi, "have doubled in cost since last year. Sometimes profit is only marginal."

THEFT AND VANDALISM

On both farms, there is some occasional stealing. "But after a day in court and a stiff fine, they shouldn't be back," comments Christopher, who has been known to take a working day to prosecute.

For Cecchi, it's apparently the vandalism that hurts. "Some of it is so senseless, ripping up a \$1,500 irrigation system, just for fun."

NO SUMMER VACATION

Farmers who were born and raised with farming seem to have accepted their lot, problems and all. This is not so easy for someone who is new to the work. Emily Cecchi, for example, didn't realize how big a commitment farming was when she married Bob, owner and operator of E. Cecchi Farm. "Farming really ties you down and it's hard when you see your friends taking a summer vacation and you're working your hardest. But that's what it's all about. We vacation in winter, but somehow it's not really the same," declares Emily.

Both farms sell locally now. Christopher used to sell to New York and Boston, but found it wasn't worthwhile. "You take a beating," he adds. Customers do come from Connecticut, Vermont, Worcester to buy Agawam corn, though. Christopher has one person from Pittsfield who comes almost daily to buy his corn fresh.

Cecchi noted that with both husband and wife working in many homes, people are not fussing so much with food preparation. But that doesn't eliminate fresh fruits and vegetables. "We sell a lot of salad fixings, and corn and beans are popular. Some of our customers stop by two or three times a week to get what they want fresh that day."

The same is true at Christopher's stand on Meadow Street. "Some folks stop to pick up two ears of corn that they'll have for supper and do the same the next time they want it," he comments. Freshness is all important in corn.

COOKING CORN

Anna Cecchi offers this advice on cooking corn: Shuck and wash corn as close as possible to cooking time. Put in a large pan with only 2 inches of water in it. Add corn and when water begins to boil, time it for seven minutes and let the corn STEAM. This way you steam the flavor right in.

Her son Bob agrees. "If you're not using the corn

right away, refrigerate it and leave the shucks on to help keep in the flavor. Corn will keep in a refrigerator as long as a week, but you lose much flavor each passing day," he adds.

On the otherhand, Christopher, who eats up to two dozen ears weekly, some of it raw, says, "Raw corn is sweeter and has a fresh milk flavor." But he also stresses the point that "fresh picked" means that it was picked that very morning and it should be eaten the same day whenever possible. "Corn loses about one third of its flavor overnight in the refrigerator. If it cannot be eaten the same day, it is better to cook it anyway and then refrigerate it. You can set it in hot water the next day before you eat it." His lifelong method of cooking it, though, suggests boiling it submerged for 6-8 minutes uncovered.

Freezing corn is popular now that many have home freezers. Christopher recommends blanching the corn off the cob, otherwise there tends to be a cob taste. And microwave owners might like to know that corn on the cob will taste delicious if you take a few leaves off the ear, wrap it individually in foil and cook it for only 3 minutes on each side, according to Christopher. "Just be sure to let it cook a bit," he cautions.

Both roadside vegetable and fruit stands are open seven days a week - Cecchi's from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Christopher's from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. They are well-kept, airy, offer easy access and good variety of items fresh picked daily at reasonable prices. The employees are friendly and courteous.

"We try to grow the best corn in the country," says The Corn King. "Massachusetts corn eaters are spoiled. We all go for quality out here. In other areas, you might be getting cow corn or worse."

With the future of small farms still in question, it is imperative that local producers receive the support of the community. And even with rising production costs and increasing problems for the farmer, Cecchi reminds us that "Farm-grown produce is a great buy, not having increased in price as just about everything else has. Most products will cost you about the same, some even less (!) that last year and you can't beat that!"

Fall Festival Of Crafts Being Planned

The annual Fall Festival of Crafts sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will be held at the social center on Saturday, October 18, 1980 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Members of the club are currently looking for craftsmen who would like to display their work at the show. If you are interested, please call Barbara Jacapraro evenings at 786-2400.

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Draghetti Attends National Conference

Agawam Inspector of Weights and Measures Louis D. Draghetti was among many state and local officials from all over the country who, together with representatives of industry and consumer groups, met recently in Washington, D.C. for the 65th National Conference on Weights and Measures.

The NCWM is a voluntary body dedicated to promoting uniformity in weights and measures legislation and accuracy in commercial measurement. Conference recommendations are embodied in model laws and regulations which often become the basis for state and local legislation.

Particularly of interest at this year's conference was a proposal to amend the model state method of sale of commodities regulation which would allow for the sale of home heating oils on a temperature compensated basis. Most home heating oil is purchased by the consumer in the fall and winter when temperatures are lower than 60°F. Since the oil contracts with cold, a given tank holds slightly more oil at the colder temperatures than it would at 60°F. With today's higher prices, more dealers are selling heating oil on a temperature compensated basis where it is permitted by law.

The conference included several other topics for discussion as well as various talks by foreign specialists in metrology.



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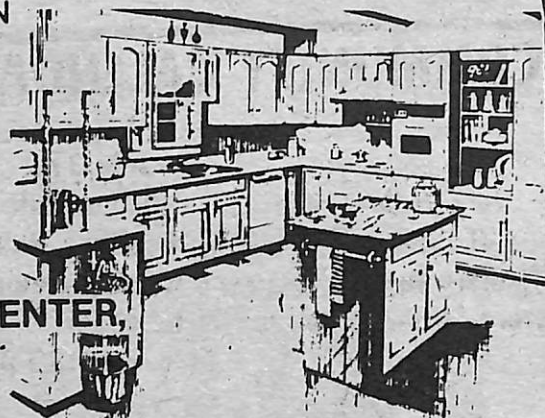
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Summer Band Students To Give Concert

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Numbering over 85 pupils, these bandmen have been participating in two 5 week summer band workshops, an enrichment course offered by the Agawam School department. It has been under the directorship of Mrs. Sally Lowell, Mr. David Baldock, and Mr. Darcy Davis Jr., all members of the school's music department. They were assisted by a professional staff of musicians/teachers: Mr. Dante Pilegi; Mr. Zachary Tileston; Mrs. Norma Turcotte; Mr. Darcy Davis Jr.; and Mr. James Kallipolites. Miss Amy Porter, associate instructor, also helped in the beginning saxophone course.

Light favorite melodies from George Cohan to songs from the Carpenters will provide easy listening for a summer's evening. In case of rain, the concert will be held indoors at the Agawam Junior High auditorium, also beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Jump Rope-A-Thons Planned At Agawam Playgrounds

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor Jump Rope-a-Thons on Wednesday, July 30th throughout the town to benefit the Western Massachusetts Division of the American Heart Association.

The Jump Rope-a-Thon will be held at Phelps, Meadowbrook, Borgatti Park, Clark, Granger, Wade and Shea's Field beginning at 10 a.m. Children ages 6 through 15 will be asked to visit neighbors and friends asking for sponsors to help support research and educational programs of the Heart Association.

This event has been designed to promote physical education through cardiovascular fitness, and, at the same time, to raise funds to help fight the nation's number one killer - heart disease.

Jump Rope-a-Thon is a team event. A team of six jumpers will take turns jumping rope for a maximum of three hours. Each team member will secure pledges for each minute the team jumps.

Rollaway Announces Summer Schedule

The Rollaway, 1756 Main Street, Agawam, has announced its summer schedule to be as follows: Fridays, 8-11 p.m., admission \$2.25, rentals .75; Saturdays, 8-11 p.m., same admission and rental charges as Fridays; Sunday Matinee, 2-5 p.m., admission, \$1.25, rentals .75; Sunday evenings, 8-10:30 p.m., admission and rental fees same as Fridays.

Also, Tuesday evenings, 7:30-10:00 p.m., admission, \$2.50, rentals .75, live organ music; and Tuesday afternoons 1:30-4:00 p.m., admission \$1.25, rentals .75. For more information, call the Rollaway at 786-4875. The Rollaway is available for rental to private groups at any open time during the week.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 26th
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Eastern States Expo

July 31st
Bloodmobile
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11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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Mrs. Eileen Eagan, former president of the Agawam Lioness Club, presents a gift check of \$100 to Donna Campbell, chief librarian of the Agawam Public Library, to be used for the purchase of large print materials. Photo by Jack Devine.

Library News

by Donna Campbell
Chief Librarian



The Agawam Public Library is very happy to announce that it has received a gift check of \$100 for the purchase of large print materials from the Agawam Lioness Club. These easy-to-read large print editions are greatly appreciated by the visually handicapped, the elderly and readers who prefer the ease and convenience of large print. All of these books are unabridged and unedited versions of the originals and their format is approved by the National Association for Visually Handicapped. They are designed for easy reading and handling, printed on non-glare paper and set in enlarged type.

If you or a member of your family has difficulty reading small print, come to the library and browse through our collection of large print materials. Due to the generosity of the Agawam Lioness Club, the library has ordered the following new excellent titles which will be available in the near future:

Guideposts magazine, large print edition
Anatomy of an Illness by Norman Cousins
Smiley's People by John LeCarre
Immigrants by Howard Fast
All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot
Pain-Free Arthritis by Dvera Berson
Cooking Without a Grain of Salt by Elma W. Bagg
You and Your Will by Paul P. Ashley

One person wrote about these large print books, "I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for the large print books. I am 86 years old, always a reader; until the large print books became available I was deprived of reading for several years. I live in a village and have a splendid library which handles large print books. Books are friends and once again I am happy to meet friends - both old and new."

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Touch-Tone service was first introduced by the Bell System in 1963 and in the following year, Wellesley became the first community in New England Telephone's five-state operating area to have the service.

The availability of Touch-Tone service in Agawam is one of many such projects New England Telephone is undertaking this year as part of its \$326 million construction program to expand and improve telephone service in Massachusetts.

Family Film Night

Family Film Night is scheduled at the Agawam Public Library for Wednesday, July 30th, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Films to be shown in the air-conditioned Community Room include *In the Park*, with Marcel Marceau, *Silver Blaze*, a Sherlock Holmes mystery, and *The Hoarder*, an animated fable.

The public is welcome to attend.

Summer Reading Club Will Meet

Agawam Public Library Summer Reading Club meets Wednesday morning, July 30th, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Naturalist Dick Lucius will present a film demonstration program on birds of prey. He will bring several live birds with him.

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Spotlight on Business



Paula Simi styles hair of Don Wesley of Westfield. photo by Jack Devine

See Paula at the Hair Loft

By Penny Stone

"It's very hard for people to try a new hairdresser," says Paula Simi, owner and operator of **THE HAIR LOFT** at 766 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. "We do everything we can to make new customers feel comfortable," she adds.

If the pleasant atmosphere, understanding attitude, quality products, and good service offered by this four-month-old beauty salon don't win you over, nothing can...except maybe "word of mouth" testimonial from an assertive friend who has discovered **THE HAIR LOFT** first hand.

Paula is an attractive young woman with medium long hair cut in a layered, angled style which is very flattering on her. She dresses in contemporary casual clothing which somehow helps you, the customer, feel more comfortable and relaxed as well.

In all, she's had over six years experience in hair dressing. She graduated from City College in Sacramento, California, after two years training. From there, she trained under the Trimmers (known in California for their cutting expertise). Shortly after that she moved to Southwick, where she went to work for the well-known Dave Marvici (The Hair Freaks). She then worked at the Headmasters Salon in Southwick until she decided to try it on her own.

"It was time for me to make a move and I've always wanted my own shop. But I didn't expect to be doing it so soon," says Paula. It's only taken her two years since coming east.

The business itself is a small, two-operator salon with a brick exterior, neighboring the Span Center. The inside is tastefully decorated in brown, gold, and rust tones. The carpeting, tiled flooring, caned chairs, and paneling create a warm effect while the dried flowers, green plants, and hand-painted clock combine with the stereo music to make you feel at home.

Most salons are unisex now, and Paula named her business **THE HAIR LOFT** to help illustrate that men are as welcome as women and children to avail themselves of the services provided.

The number of male customers is increasing all the time. Apparently, men realize that salons have changed. "They won't find a bunch of ladies all chattering away." And "Men don't want their hair cut like a woman's," offers the owner. "The principles (of cutting) are the same, but we use more straight lines on the men."

She sees businessmen, musicians, men from all occupations. They come dressed in suits - on lunch hours - or in jeans. Many are getting the curly perm. "Men are taking better care of themselves. They're dressing better and looking better," Paula explains.

Most of her customers, new and old, have a pretty good idea of what they want in a hairstyle. Some indicate that they want to change their present style and after explaining why they wear their hair the way they do, back down and ask for "the same old thing" again.

"Then there are the 'picture people,'" says Paula. "They bring in a picture of Cheryl Ladd and...well..." But generally she will encourage anyone who finds it difficult to explain what they want to bring in a realistic picture, but keep in mind the characteristics of his or her own hair. Communication and especially listening skills are very important to the success of the salon. In addition to getting their beauty needs met, many customers need to talk to someone who is uninvolved in their lives, just to be listened to.

The specialties of **THE HAIR LOFT** are cuts and permanent waves. The majority of customers are on the go and are, therefore, seeking easy-to-care-for cuts, fairly short styles they can keep up at home with a little blow-drying. "Perms are softer now, with larger curls and a more natural look," declares Paula.

When people get a permanent, she advises the use of a good conditioner on a regular basis to help keep it healthy. The salon has special hair products offered for sale or she might recommend one that is on the market.

Another service offered is facial hair removal. By using a hot honey wax preparation which is brushed on and then removed, less painful and much longer-lasting hair removal can be achieved.

Dandruff is another problem people have. There are different types of dandruff and some can be successfully treated with specific products also available at the salon.

One of the biggest concerns Paula has is in educating the public. "It's difficult to get people to use GOOD hair products," she says. She explained that "bargain brands" are no bargain if they damage your hair. She also indicated that there is considerable confusion over PH shampoos and that people should use what's best for their own particular hair.

The salon is closed on Mondays when its owner services 15 or more ambulatory and wheel chair patients in a Springfield nursing home. However, **THE HAIR LOFT** is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 to 5 p.m., on Saturday from 9 to 3 p.m., and evenings by appointment only. While walk-ins are welcomed, people are encouraged to call for an appointment to be assured of a convenient space.

Paula's plans for the future include training at Bruno's Academy in Canada where she can learn even more because, as Paula says, "Things keep changing all the time, and you have to keep up with the new methods."



Bruce A. Douglas

Douglas Promoted At Mass. Mutual

Bruce A. Douglas of Agawam has been named associate counsel in the Law Division at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, it was announced today.

A native of Easton, Md., Douglas was graduated with distinction from Dartmouth College with an AB degree in psychology and received a JD degree from Cornell Law School.

Douglas joined the company in 1976. He is a member of the American Bar Association and its Section on Taxation, and an adjunct member of Exempt Organizations Com-

mittee Real Estate Tax Problems Committee. He is a director of the Upper State Street Community Development Corporation in Springfield.

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SPORTS



Action was plentiful in the Little League All-Star Game between Agawam Little League and Easthampton played last Friday. photo by Jack Devine

Agawam Little League Holds All Star Game

The All Star Game played between the Agawam Little League and the team from Easthampton was held last week. The Minor Division went down in defeat with the highlight of the game a homerun hit over the centerfield fence by Scott Magnuson of Agawam.

The Senior Division also lost to the Easthampton team, 9-3. Agawam's John Alves did a great job as relief pitcher giving up only three runs. Andy Paul put in a good effort as beginning pitcher and Joe Warren did well catching.

Covering first base was Mark Goodwin and John Pidgon as alternate. Bob Desimone was at second, with alternate Allan Badone. Pat Sheehan put in a strong defense position playing third.

Shortstop was covered by Tony Buoniconti and Bill Groom as alternate. Mike Lazzera, Rick Casese and Frank DeStafano were in the outfield with Mike St. Germain as alternate.

The game was well played by both teams with very few walks given up by either pitcher. The Agawam team played good defense in the last half of the game and had many opportunities to score which did not develop into any runs. Connecting with singles were Joe Warren, Mark Goodwin, Pat Sheehan, John Alves, and Mike Lazzera.

Little League President Nick Borello would like to thank all those who contributed their time to make the league successful for the children again this year.

S.H. Crusaders End Slump

The Sacred Heart Crusaders of the 14-16 Suburban League came out of their mid-season slump with an impressive win over Longmeadow at Shea's Field on July 17th, with a score of 8-7.

Coming from behind 7-4 in the last half of the seventh inning, the Crusaders rallied for 4 runs to attain the victory. Craig Castonguay singled in the tying run and Mike Wands was the hero with a rifle shot to right field which brought home the winning run.

Bob Eggleston started on the mound for S.H. but arm trouble forced him to leave in the 3rd inning. Dave Vecciarelli came in to silence the bats of Longmeadow. Jack Jury had three hits; Frank Rondoletto and Dave Vecciarelli each had two.

Agawam Parks & Rec Men's Standings

(as of 7/20/80)

"A" DIVISION

Dante Club 14-3
Laughman Tool 11-8
Showcase 10-8
Village Lounge 10-8
F.H. Public Mkt. 9-9
Agawam A's 7-10
Buccanner Lounge 6-12
Silver Carriage 4-15

"B" AMERICAN

Gino's Package 14-3
Italian Sporting Club 12-5
Spartan Saw 10-4
Clean Machine 10-5
Valley Knife 9-6
Agawam Turners 8-6
Agawam Moose Club 8-8
Elbow Lounge 7-11
Jessica's Lounge 4-10
Buccaneer B 3-10
Village Lounge B 0-17

"B" NATIONAL

Agawam Sportsman Club 15-4
BayState Woodworking 13-6
Grimaldi Oilers 13-6
Insurance Center 12-6
Pond/Ekberg Insurance 13-7
Agawam Jaycees 12-7
Ruelle Auto Body 8-12
Standard Uniform 6-12
Spfld. Newspaper 4-15
Turcotte Mfg. 0-20

SHAA Boys 9-10

STANDINGS

(as of 7/18/80)

Elks 2174 Royals 13-1
UNICO Yankees 10-4
Feeding Hills Hardware Reds 7-6
Westfield Savings Bank Red Sox 6-6
Feeney Floor Covering Dodgers 6-8
Waniewski Farms Astros 5-10
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James Zucco

Zucco Qualifies At Hillclimb

James Zucco, President of Consumers Packaging, Elm Street, set the fastest time in the 370cc class with his Bultaco in the National Motorcycle qualifying hillclimb in New York. The hillclimb is the qualifier for the northeast part of the country. The event took place on the 200 foot long Rose, New York hill on July 13.

Zucco also had the second fastest time of the day in all classes with a time of 6.308.



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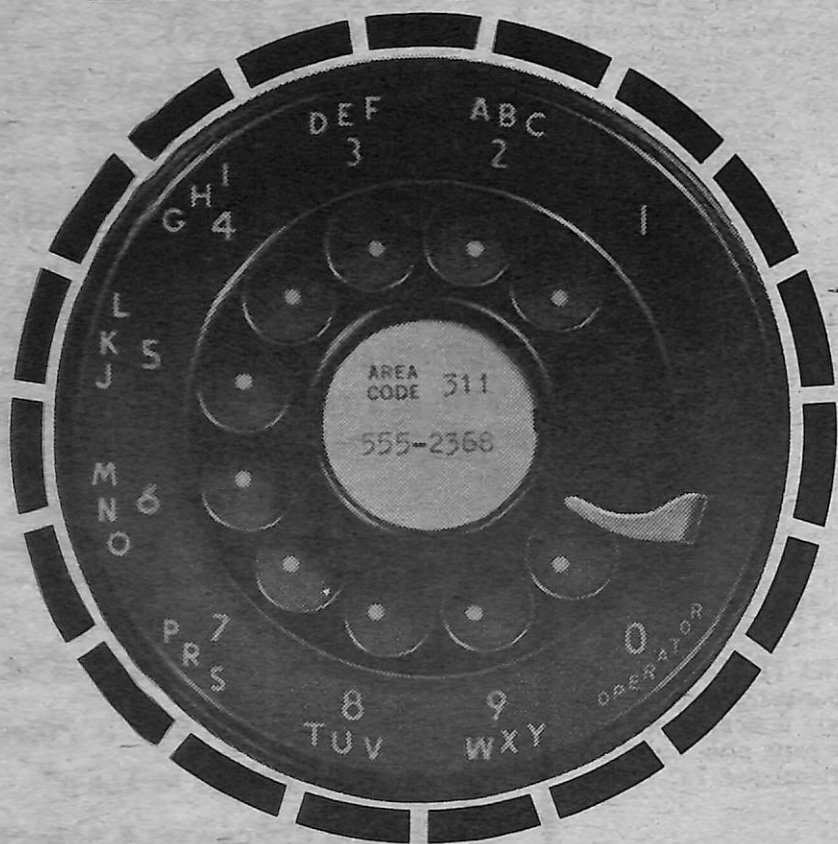
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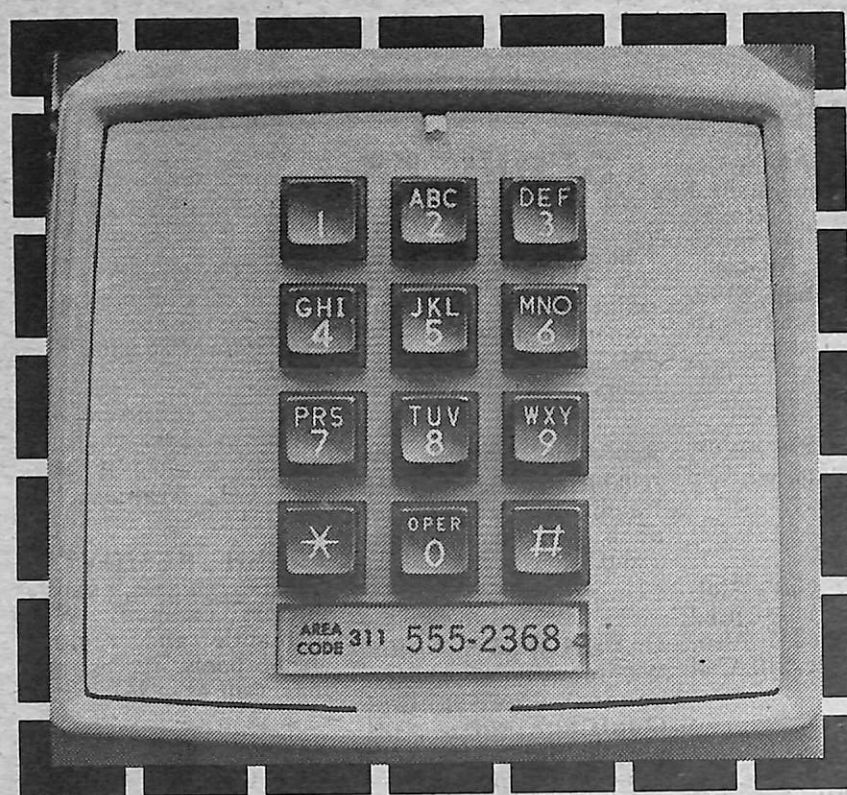
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